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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action dated March 19, 2008, the examiner of the above-referenced patent application asserted that restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 on the basis that the application contains more than one invention which are not linked so as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. Specifically, the examiner divided the claims of the application into the following groups:

Group I: claims 41-54, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule;

Group II: claims 55-68, drawn to an isolated peptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;

Group III: claims 69-75, drawn to a method for the treatment or prophylaxis of disorders characterized by the accumulation of cholesterol; and